

REMARKS

In the May 19, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-14 were pending in the application, objected to the claims "because some of the words are crowded too closely together," and rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). In rejecting the claims, U.S. Patent 6,137,534 to Anderson was cited. Claims 1-14 remain in the case. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

The Invention

The present invention is directed to an image display device which displays a stored image and has non-volatile storage in which the display state of a currently displayed image is stored.

The Prior Art: U.S. Patent 6,137,534 to Anderson

The Anderson patent is directed to a system for providing live view and instant review in an image capture device. Non-volatile memory 350 (Fig. 3) is "a conventional read-only memory or flash memory ... [that] stored a set of computer-readable program instructions to control operation of camera 110" (column 4, lines 54-55). In addition, removable memory 354 "is preferably a non-volatile device" (column 4, lines 57-58) and "is typically implemented using a flash disk" (column 4, lines 64-65), although "camera 110 may be implemented without removable memory 354" (column 4, lines 29-31). The data stored in removable memory 354 is described as "raw image data" (column 18, line 41). No suggestion has been found of storing anything else in non-volatile memory.

Claim Objections

In accordance with the currently required format of Amendments, all of the claims are presented herein. Therefore, withdrawal of the claim objections is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In paragraphs 4-13 on pages 2-5 of the Office Action, claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Anderson. However, as discussed above, nothing has been cited or found in Anderson that teaches or suggests "writing ... information ... indicating a display state of a currently displayed image in ... non-volatile storage" (claim 1, lines 9-10). As noted above, the non-volatile memory 350 illustrated in Fig. 3 is described as incapable of having anything written to it by the device, since it is read-only memory. Furthermore, the

removable memory 354 which is described as preferably non-volatile storage is described as optional and containing only image data, not anything that could be used "for indicating a display state of a currently displayed image" (claim 1, lines 9-10). Therefore, it is submitted that claim 1 and claims 2-10 which depend therefrom patentably distinguish over Anderson. Since the above-quoted phrase is also recited in claims 11-14, it is submitted that claims 11-14 also patentably distinguish over Anderson.

Summary

It is submitted that Anderson does not teach or suggest the features of the present claimed invention. Thus, it is submitted that claims 1-14 are in a condition suitable for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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